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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

We are a small business, actually a small mainline non-profit Protestant Church in the San Francisco Bay Area who has enjoyed and benefited from a local internet provider since 2013 which has allowed us to channel limited funds to our ministries.

All the while we had continued to stay with AT&T for our phone service. And, all the while, AT&T's pricing structure has continued to rise unabated, even with their complicated and cumbersome "calling plans" which required annual attention and hours on the phone to renew.

We have since switched to a local provider (the same as our local internet provider) with a fair pricing structure, excellent attention and ease in accessing their customer service. This has allowed us to add financial resources back to some of our ministries.

It is no secret that competition fosters competitive pricing not to mention innovation. Lack of competition creates fertile ground for just the opposite.

Thanks to competitive telecommunication laws, Sonic (and other local providers) have been able to build and connect tens of thousands of members on their own fiber network. They need continued access to copper as a bridge to fiber so that they can get consumers, connected to the fastest, most affordable internet available.

We support broadband competition and competitive deployment!

Sincerely,

Neil Genson